

## LEGISLATURE. HOUSE. [596]

### JOURNALS, 1882-[ongoing]

**DESCRIPTION:** These volumes constitute the published minutes of the House from territorial days to the present. The legislature began keeping journals with the creation of the territory in 1851. By 1882 the journals of the house and senate were kept separately, although the 1892 edition was bound jointly with the separate journal of the Senate.

The House followed a standard order of business, which is recorded in the daily entries. The place and date is entered, there is note of the call to order and roll, a prayer, reading of the journal entry from the previous day, legislative business, then adjournment. While the activities are noted, details are not. The beginning day of each session usually lists all members answering to roll call; thereafter the entries just specify if a quorum is present. Often a separate table of members is included toward the start of the volume. Many of the volumes have the House rules recorded toward the beginning which specify the order of business and clarify procedures.

Legislative business is only slightly more detailed. Petitions, if any, are the first order of new business. These are requests from citizens for various actions and are most frequently referred to the appropriate committee. Other communications, from agencies, groups, or individuals, might also be read into the record at this time.

Committee reports are the next order of daily business. The reports recommend the passage or rejection of particular legislation. If the entire committee is not in agreement, a minority report might be presented. Initially, reports were more detailed and letters from various state agencies were sometimes entered into the record as part of a committee report. However, by the 1920s, committee reports were confined to a statement recommending passage or rejection of legislation with amendments as needed. Committee members are appointed and listed at the beginning of the session.

The process of enacting legislation via bills and resolutions is the most frequent business

recorded. The title of the bill is noted along with its status: which reading it is at, whether or not it is passed, whether it has been referred back to committee, what amendments or rewrites are motioned for, etc. The contents of the bills are not recorded, although brief summaries of the contents along with the sponsors' names are recorded in separate tables from 1977 to 1979. The names of individuals motioning for particular actions are specified as are the names on the final vote on a bill or resolution.

Messages from the opposing chamber, usually relating to a joint session or the passage of a bill in that house, are recorded in full. Messages from the governor also report passage, veto, or objections to portions of particular bills. County financial reports are included as appendices from 1882-1888. Speeches related to statehood are prevalent in 1896 and 1897. Memorial tributes to deceased notables occur intermittently. Other miscellaneous business includes such things as invitations to visit or attend various civic functions, a poem read into the record, remarks by various speakers to the committee as a whole, etc.

Minutes from joint sessions are entered in the journals of both houses after 1890; before that the COUNCIL JOURNAL is cited. The governor's opening message was also presented in joint session and printed in full, detailing topics of concern in the state and recommending legislative action. Initially, several agency reports, particularly those of the auditor and treasurer, accompanied the governor's address; later these were simply summarized in his message. Joint memorials to Congress, pleading for federal action (or inaction), commonly appear in the joint sessions of the 1880s, but are shorter and less frequent after statehood when Utah gained more autonomy.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Volumes and their entries are chronologically arranged.

**RELATED RECORDS:** Unpublished journals are available from 1858-1878 as HOUSE JOURNAL RECORD BOOKS, series 16660. Before 1880, the House journals were published jointly with those of the Council, or Senate, as the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY JOURNALS, series 3145. The joint session minutes after 1880 are recorded in the SENATE JOURNALS, series 409. The LAWS OF UTAH, series 83155, and the lieutenant governor's LEGISLATIVE BILLS, series 4076, contain the final version of bills and resolutions passed. Working bills for the house during the territorial period are in series 3150, TERRITORIAL LEGISLATIVE RECORDS; after 1896 in HOUSE WORKING BILLS, series 432. After statehood, the annual REPORTS which the governor summarized usually exist separately for individual agencies. For example, those of the Auditor are in series 1623 and those of the Treasurer in series 526.

**PROCESSING NOTE:** Parts were microfilmed in the 1970s and early 1980s; the remainder were filmed in 1991-1992 and following. Any pages missed or blurred in the initial filming will appear as retakes at the beginning of each reel. The 1985 extraordinary sessions were bound out of chronological order, and therefore filmed out of order. Archivally processed by

A.C. Cone in 1990 with container list updates as needed.

**GAPS IN THE SERIES:** As noted above, pre-1882 journals were published with the senate's in series 3145, and the 1892 journal was bound with the Council Journal and thus starts on page 395. Also, the house usually met in even numbered years until statehood and odd numbered years thereafter, moving to annual sessions (either budget or regular) in 1976. Therefore, entries for other years are not to be expected unless some sort of special session was held.

## CONTAINER LIST

Reel	Description
1	1882, 25th session; 1884, 26th session; 1886, 27th session, start-appendices
2	1886, 27th session, appendices-end; 1888, 28th session; 1890, 29th session; 1892, 30th session, start-exhibit 10
3	1892, 30th session, exhibit 11-end; 1894, 31st session; 1896, Special and 1st session
4	1897, 2nd session; 1899, 3rd session; 1901, 4th session, start-p. 254
5	1901, 4th session, p. 254-end; 1903, 5th session; 1905, 6th session, start-p. 440
6	1905, 6th session, p. 440-end; 1907, 7th session; 1909, 8th session, start-p. 123
7	1909, 8th session, p. 123-end; 1911, 9th session, start-p. 400
8	1911, 9th session, p. 400-end; 1913, 10th session
9	1915, 11th session; 1917, 12th session, start-p.334
10	1917, 12th session, p. 334-end; 1919, 13th session; 1919, 13th first special session
11	1921, 14th session; 1923, 15th session
12	1925, 16th session; 1927, 17th session
13	1929, 18th session; 1930, 18th first special session; 1931, 19th session, start-p. 568
14	1931, 19th session, p. 568-end; 1933, 20th session; 1933, 20th second special session
15	1935, 21st session; 1936, 21st first special session; 1937, 22nd session, start-p.612
16	1937, 22nd session, p. 612-end; 1939, 23rd session; 1941, 24th session, start p. 382
17	1941, 24th session, p. 382-end; 1941, 24th first special session; 1943, 25th session, start-p. 640
18	1943, 25th session, p. 640-end; 1944, 25th first special session; 1945, 26th session; 1946, 26th first special session;

<b>Reel</b>	<b>Description</b>
19	1947, 27th session; 1948, 27th first special session; 1949, 28th session, start-p. 210
20	1949, 28th session, p. 210-end; 1951, 29th session, start-p. 676
21	1951, 29th session, p. 676-end; 1951, 29th first special session; 1952, 29th second special session; 1953, 30th session, start-p.824
22	1953, 30th session, p. 824-end; 1953, 30th first special session; 1955, 31st session, start-p. 922
23	1955, 31st session, p. 922-end; 1957, 32nd session; 1959, 33rd session, start-p.300
24	1959, 33rd session, p. 300-end; 1959, 33rd first special session; 1961, 34th session, start-p. 956
25	1961, 34th session, p. 956-end; 1963, 35th session; 1963, 35th first special session; 1965, 36th session, start-p. 342
26	1965, 36th session, p. 342-end; 1966, 36th first and second special sessions
27	1967, 37th session
28	1969, 38th session, start-p. 660
29	1969, 38th session, p. 660-end; 1969, 38th first special session; 1970, 38th budget session; 1971, 39th session, start-p. 570
30	1971, 39th session, p. 571-end; 1971, 39th first special session; 1972, 39th budget session; 1973, 40th session, start-p. 680
31	1973, 40th session, p. 680-end; 1973, 40th first special session; 1974, 40th budget session; 1974, 40th second special session; 1975, 41st session, start-p. 292
32	1975, 41st session, p. 292-end; 1975, 41st first special session; 1976, 41st budget session; 1977, 42nd session, start-p. 87
33	1977, 42nd session, p. 87-1512
34	1977, 42nd session, p. 1512-end; 1977, 42nd first special session; 1978, 42nd budget session; 1978, 42nd second special session
35	1979, 43rd session, vol. I and vol. II
36	1980, 43rd budget session, start-p. 352
37	1980, 43rd budget session, p. 352-end; 1980, 43rd first special session; 1981, 44th session, start-p.832
38	1981, 44th session, p. 832-end; 1981, 44th veto override session; 1981, 44th first special session; 1982, 44th budget session, start-p. 634
39	1982, 44th budget session, p. 634-end; 1982, 44th second special session
40	1982, 44th third special session; 1983, 45th session; 1983, 45th veto override session; 1983, 45th first

<b>Reel</b>	<b>Description</b>
	special session
41	1984, 45th budget session; 1984, 45th second special session; 1985, 46th first-second extra session; 1984, 45th third special session; 1985, 46th session, start-p. 761
42	1985, 46th session, p. 761-3rd; 1985, 46th first special session; 1986, 46th session, start-p. 957
43	1986, 46th session, p. 957-end; 1986, 46th second-fourth special sessions; 1987, 47th session, start-p. 1095
44	1987, 47th session, p. 1095-end; 1987, 47th first special session; 1988, 47th session; 1988, 47th second-third special sessions
45	1988, 47th fourth special session; 1989, 48th general session; 1989, 48th first special session
46	1989, 48th second special session; 1990, 48th general session
47	1991, 49th general session; 1991, 49th first special session; 1991, 49th veto override session
48	1991, 49th second special session; 1992, 49th general session; 1992, 49th third special session
49	1993, 50th general session; 1993, 50th first-second special sessions
50	1994, 50th general session
51	1995, 51st general session; 1995, 51st first special session
52	1996, 51st general session; 1996, 51st second special session
53	1996, 51st third special session; 1997, 52nd general session
54	1997, 52nd first-second special sessions; 1998, 52nd general session
55	1999, 53rd general session